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Department of the Interior Acquisition Policy Release (DIAPR) 2010-22, Amendment 2

Subject: Acquisition Screening Procedures

Reference: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 19, Small Business Programs

1. <u>Purpose</u>: This DIAPR amendment changes the Department of the Interior (DI) Form 1886, Acquisition Screening and Review Form. Specifically it (a) deletes the reference to the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program (SBCDP) in Block 13; (b) adds the Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) procurement method in Block 11; and (c) adds language to Page 4 regarding the relationship parity among the small business programs.

2. Effective Date: Upon signature.

3. <u>Expiration Date</u>: This DIAPR will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded. This guidance may be implemented in the Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) as appropriate.

4. Background and Explanation:

The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Jobs Act) was signed by the President on September 27, 2010. It amended the Business Opportunity Development Reform Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-656) by repealing the SBCDP effective October 1, 2010. Block 13 of the DI Form 1886 mistakenly contained the SBCDP as a reason to not set-aside for small business, which is no longer allowable.

The WOSB program went into effect February 4, 2011. It includes Economically Disadvantaged Women Small Businesses (EDWOSBs). Contracting Officers may set-aside procurements for WOSBs in 83 NAICS codes in which they are underrepresented or substantially underrepresented.

FAR Part 19.203, Relationship among small business programs, specifies that there is no order of precedence among the 8(a), HUB Zone, Women-Owned, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Programs. The revised DI Form 1886 contains language to that effect as a reminder to contracting officers.

5. Action Required: Contracting staff should use the May 2011 version of the DI Form 1886.

6. Additional Information:

If you have any questions, please contact your local Small Business Specialist. Matters that cannot be resolved at the bureau level may be referred to William McFadden of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization at (202) 208-4907 or by e-mail at Bill Mcfadden@ios.doi.gov; or Brigitte Meffert of this office at (202) 254-5514 or by e-mail at Brigitte Meffert@ios.doi.gov.

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Attachment – DI Form 1886 (05/2011)